GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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FALSE IMPLICATION IN DOWRY DEATH CASES
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has suggested not to acquit the accused of dowry death on flimsy grounds;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government is aware of false or willful implications in dowry cases; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government alongwith the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) Law Commission of India has submitted in October, 2007 its 202nd Report on "Proposal to amend Section 304-B of Indian Penal Code" in which recommendations have been made relating to dowry deaths. The Report is available on the website of Ministry of Law and Justice, Law Commission of India. Department of Legal Affairs has forwarded a copy of the Report to Ministry of Home Affairs for examination/implementation.

(c) The following data for the country has been furnished by National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs for the period 2004-06:-

Under Section 304-B IPC (Dowry death)

No. of cases registered: 21431
No. of cases declared false on account of mistake of fact or law: 974

Under Section 498-A IPC (Cruelty by husband or relatives of husband)

No. of cases registered: 179568
No. of cases declared false on account of mistake of fact or law: 19013

Under Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961

No. of cases registered: 11300
No. of cases declared false on account of mistake of fact or law: 615

(d) It is for the investigating and prosecuting authorities in the States to deal with any false complaint relating to dowry.